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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the instant application, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

28. A method for facilitating the sale of publicly traded securities on a computerized system, comprising:

receiving at least one order for a transaction including the sale or purchase of a security;

receiving with said at least one order an execution date to execute said transaction;

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